

## Jain Funeral Rites Services

Death in a family is the time when support from friends and community is most needed. Bereaving family is emotionally suffering the loss of the beloved one, yet has to run around to get all formalities completed to get the dead body cremated.

Every community in the world has a set procedures laid down by their religion of conducting last rites. Hindu families employ services of priests (Brahmin Pandits) to conduct last rites but Jains have no priests to conduct such services.

In the Jain community, it is a practice to request the support of an experienced person to conduct last rites (antim Vidhi) at home and at crematorium.

There has always been a few in the community who are willing to offer their voluntary support to the bereaving family by conducting the cremation rites.

In London particularly Harrow and Brent area, we have been fortunate to have services of Babulal Ratanshi Mehta, Pranalal Vithalji Parekh and Jayantilal Mulji Shah for many years, they are now unable to support because of their age. Jayantilal Ghelani is doing this humanitarian work in Harrow and Brent Area for many years. Vijaybhai Sheth has also made himself available many a times.

Now as a part of its Jain Spiritual Care (Hospital Chaplaincy project), NCVA is providing service for conducting funeral rites for Jains.

The following people have offered their voluntary services and are fully knowledgeable in conducting *Antim Vidhi* at home and at crematorium.

They are listed by the area they live in. Their contact telephone numbers are also given.

When required, please contact the person in your area, if he is not available then contact others on the list

Harrow /Brent :

Jayantilal Ghelani	020 8357 4029
Anil Modi	020 8427 1064
Madhusinh Rawji	020 8416 3532
Manhar Mehta	020 8952 1165
Ramanlal Shah	020 8200 5761

Barnet:

Hitesh Rayani	07779 164134
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Watford:

Vijay Sheth	01923 446673
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Ilford:

Hullas Mehta	020 8590 4342
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Leicester: Jayesh Shah (Jain Centre)  
Shashikant Mehta